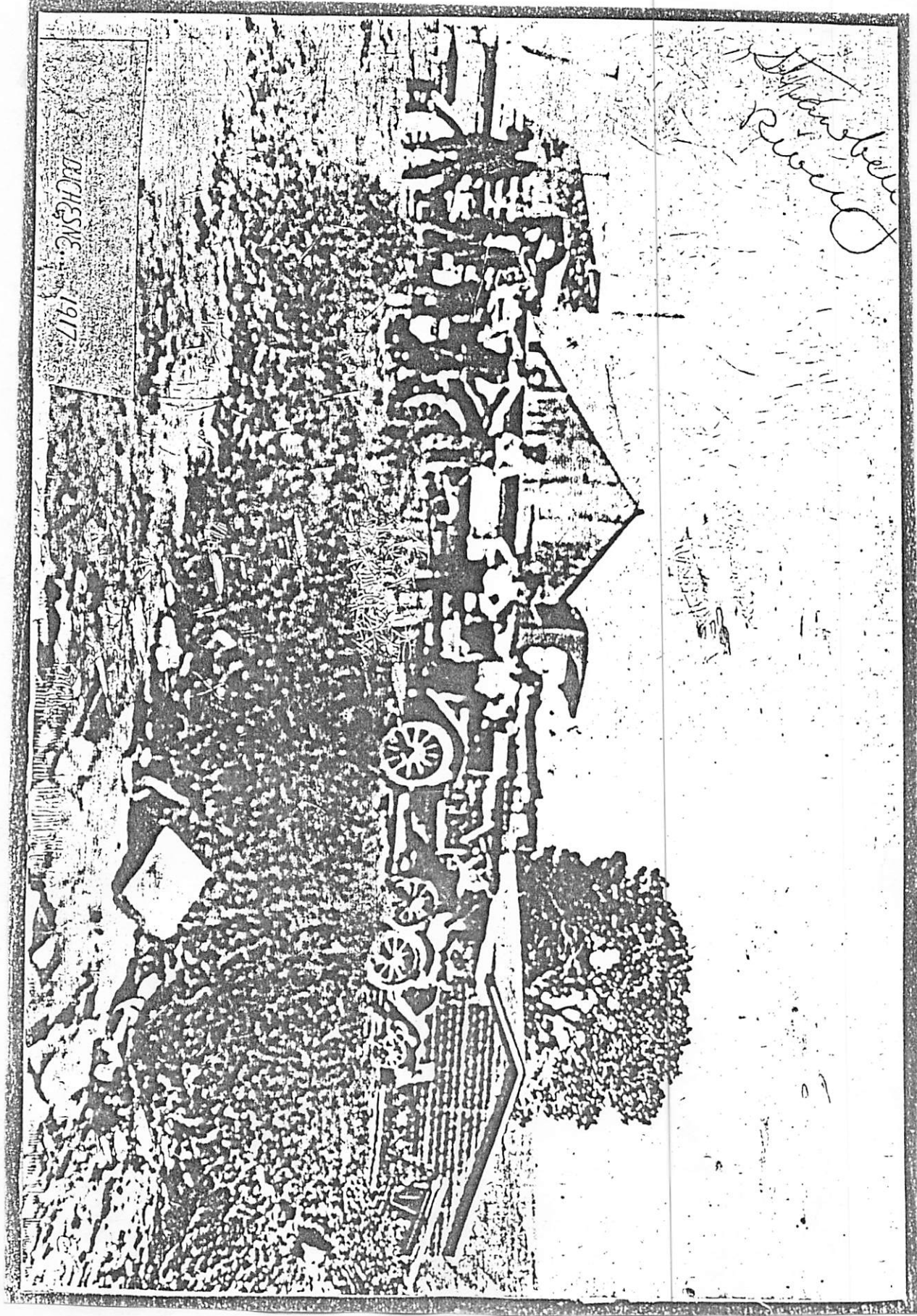


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Nine Mile Canyon

In search of 'Gunplay'

Editor, Herald:

I am gathering information on an outlaw, C.L. "Gunplay" Maxwell, who was active in Utah from the mid 1890's till he was killed in Price, Utah, on August 23, 1909, by Edward Black Johnson.

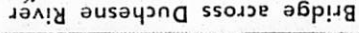
In the late 1890's, Maxwell operated out of Brock's Place in Nine Mile Canyon. In late May, 1898, Maxwell and three other men were in Provo where on May 27, 1898, Maxwell and another man robbed the bank at Springville, but Maxwell was captured shortly after and his partner killed. They were jailed in Provo until convicted and sent to prison.

Upon his release, Maxwell was in Scofield, Utah and also owned an ozokerite mine at Colton. Later he mined gold south of Hanksville, Utah.

I am very interested in obtaining information on "Gunplay" Maxwell in addition to what can be found in Charles Kelly's and Pearl Baker's books, especially material on his early days in Utah. If any of you readers know family stories about Maxwell or if you have any photographs of him or papers about him, I would like to hear from you.

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Later after the Mayfield massacre this acreage was broken into smaller ownership farms, and mainly sowed in alfalfa, which Father introduced for cattle grazing and feed. Alfalfa was a profitable farm crop.



to sellers.

William Wilsden (Wadsen) (the old English S was written with a loop) prospected every nook and cranny of the West with his forked birch stick. He always accompanied Dad in his outpost explorations and Uncle William Wadsen was the writer's mother's uncle. He was a metal worker in Sheffield, England.

worker in Sheffield, England. Dad spent some time in Mexican territory and brought back to Utah a number of Spaniards, that he placed on his farm up toward Mayfield, east of his Christenbury Farm. Here he raised vegetables that rivaled anything grown in the

In the section only visited by prospectors in the '80's was the Uintah Basin. It was spoken of as "Indian" country, even after Sam Gilson and Dad discovered the Gilsonite deposits around Vernal and tapped the rich deposits used for making paints, roofing, and almost a hundred utility articles. This section was cut off from bridge, because it was a great day linking the all, and promenade out to the unfinished new Sunday finery, flower-decked hats parasols, and Celebrating this event the women put on their Co. built a bridge across the Duchesne River. very long ones — the town of Myton, Duchesne Way back in the age of swishing long skirts —



New bunkhouse recently finished on the Lake Fork River north of Duchesne which will house young men for their ranch life experiences.

Duchesne Summer Project

'Ranch For Boys' Opens June 15

By GOLDIE G. WILCKEN
Deseret News Correspondent

DUCHESNE — Approximately 150 boys will get a taste of ranch life here this summer and the area could gain a boost in its economy by a new ranch program that opens June 15.

The Keith Hooper family of Duchesne has just completed a new bunkhouse on a 33-acre ranch which will accommodate 28 youngsters, ages 10-15. The aid to the economy may come in utilizing the services of local school teachers during their summer period.

The "ranch for boys" will continue through Aug. 22, Mr. Hooper, owner-manager, announces. Registrations are still available, he said.

The entire area is looking forward to the success of this new venture which was listed in the Overall Economic Development Program report being prepared for the Area Redevelopment program as a possible economic feature for the county.

The ranch's supervisory personnel will be teachers who usually must leave the area to seek summer work for 10 weeks

or more. Local labor is being employed for the services of this modern boys' ranch, where boys will have "room to grow in," according to Mr. Hooper.

A new 84 by 28-foot bunkhouse was built on the east side of the Lake Fork River, two and one half miles east of Mountain Home, to house the young men. It has accommodations for 28 young men.

Activities Listed

Activities for the various sessions will include .22 calibre rifle instruction in gun safety, small group rabbit hunting,

horseback riding, caring for horses, photography, fishing, pioneering, swimming, cook-outs, a supervised coyote hunt, field trips to hunt arrowheads and Indian artifacts of which the area abounds; fossil hunting, forestry, campfires, competitive sports, hiking, campcraft.

Young men with the more nimble fingers will have opportunity to learn to coax squirts of milk from "old boss cow" as they become acquainted with some chores not found on all of today's modern farms and ranches.

Registration Dates

Boys between the ages of 10 and 15 may register for the sessions June 15-June 27; June 29-July 11; July 13-July 25; July 27-Aug. 8 and from Aug. 10-Aug. 22.

Mr. Hooper, a Utah State Highway Patrolman at Duchesne, is chairman of the Duchesne Scout District and an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Keith Stanworth, son-in-law of the builder, Mr. Hooper, will supervise the boys. He is athletic coach at nearby Altamont High School.

Pinion-Juniper

Lowly Trees Acquiring New Status

By Elden R. Wilcken
Tribune Correspondent

DUCHESTERNE — West of Duchesne U.S. Highway 49 cuts through a spectacular forest of pinion pine and juniper trees.

This area—the world's largest pinion-cedar forest (juniper trees are known locally as cedar(s)—is mostly privately owned. Little of it is fenced. It is used as range.

Christmas Cheer

Products of the "lowly" pinion-cedar forest are tasty pinion pine nuts, wood for stoves and fireplaces, for fence posts and for decorative lamp bases. But the scraggly trees now are

valued for their wood. My personal view is that Lyndon Johnson has done well in his first year and deserves

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One day I hope to see Miss Lillie and Mr. Lahr reunited in a triumphant Broadway musical.

An absent-minded hostess in the Park Avenue sector had to introduce at a cocktail party, a guest she had known for years, but whose name had eluded her momentarily.

Unfortunately, she resorted to the old ploy, "I'm dreadfully sorry, but how do you spell that name of yours again?" The guest replied icily, "S.-M.-I.-T.-H."

Sign in a hotel room in Bangkok: "For the case that your electric light should fail, we beg to present you on bureau free postcard which please send us at once when you find your light out. We will then send you another postcard."

MRS. LULU HOOD MUNZ

A Steady Homesteader Since Coming To Utah In 1905

DUCHESNE — A Duchesne woman has been steady about living on her homestead of 80 acres, which she "drew" when the Uintah Indian Reservation was opened for settlement by the white people in 1905. Mrs. Lulu Hood Munz, Duchesne County's first treasurer in 1915, lived in this big cabin for nearly 30 years, until her modern ranch home was built beside it.

It was here she reared her son and daughter. Her husband, Emil, took up a homestead not far from this original homestead. Later, Mrs. Muntz homesteaded another 80 acres "on the bench" to the north. The cabin, a comfortable big room, as Mrs. Munz remembers it, was carpeted. The floor was padded with hay or straw, which provided a good insulation. The cabin enlarged at the rear, is still in fair condition, and is used for storage.

Mrs. Munz made her homestead entry at Grand Junction,

Colo., in the fall of 1905. It was done while en route from her home at Blackwell, Okla., to Salt Lake City with her mother, Mrs. Permelia Arvie Hood and her brother, Earl Hood. By registering for the land drawing, she procured a certificate and a number that entitled her to go and examine the land, the water supply and then make final filing to the local land office in Vernal, which was opened Aug. 27, 1905.

In the spring, when "her number came up," she came to Duchesne with her mother, and they lived in a tent near the site of the cabin that was being built by a local carpenter. Building the cabin and living on the land was a way of "proving up" on the land. The saying, said not so jokingly, among the homesteaders was "The government bets the homesteader 160 acres of land, at the price of \$1.25 an acre, that he can't live on it for

14 months without starving to death."

Mrs. Munz worked as a clerk and bookkeeper in the Pioneer Supply Co. store in Duchesne, which was operated by A. M. Murdock, affectionately referred to as "The Father of Duchesne." Also, she worked for the Duchesne Stage and Transportation Co.

When Duchesne County was created by a division of Wasatch County in late 1914, Lulu Hood was elected the county's first treasurer, a post she resigned a couple of years later to marry her neighbor, Emil Munz.

Although in her 80's, Mrs. Munz resides in her home, which is in the Duchesne River Valley, less than a mile east of Duchesne City, just a turn off alternate U.S. Highway 40. Mr. Munz died this past summer.

Mrs. Munz has been almost a steady resident on her homestead for 60 years; and that is a distinction which few homesteaders can claim.



Mrs. Lulu Hood Munz at door of her homestead cabin built 60 years ago when she "proved up" on 80-acre homestead at Duchesne. Modern home adjoins it.